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Subject: RE: State Secretary Talking Points - PADEP and WVDEP - Due to OPA 7/29

These look great!

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HI Karen,

Here are the talking points received from the managers – due to 7/29.

PADEP:

Working to resolve compliance issues with Capital Region Water:

- DOJ's nonconcurrence motion argued that DOJ, EPA, and PADEP have a strong coalition and are
 working together to resolve the compliance issues with Capital Region Water (CRW), and that the
 Motion to Intervene (MTI) is not timely given EPA has made significant progress in amending the
 current CD.
- On June 16, EIP filed a Reply Memorandum in Further Support of its MTI. Now the Court must make
 the decision as to whether to allow LSRA to become co-plaintiffs. On June 29, 2021, DOJ sent a revised
 Consent Decree to CRW. On August 24, 2021, EPA, DOJ, and PADEP will meet with CRW to negotiate
 the terms of the CD.
- <u>Background</u>: On May 6, the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) on behalf of the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association filed an MTI as a plaintiff in the matter U.S. et al v. Capital Region Water Case. EIP's motion stated that since EPA's 2018 letter to found CRW's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) deficient in its failure to control CSO overflow. CRW has not made sufficient progress in developing a new plan. The plaintiffs and CRW agreed to meet with EIP to discuss the progress that has been made in developing the final LTCP and a modified Partial Consent Decree (CD). However, EIP conditioned its participation at such meeting on plaintiffs agreeing to entering a "common interest agreement" with EIP which would grant them a full seat at the negotiation table. The plaintiffs were not interested in entering this agreement and EIP has refused to meet with DOJ and EPA unless and until its demands

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